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<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 26, 2006, said period of response being extended from August 26, 2006 to October 26, 2006.

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